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1. TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT/USIA IN DETERMINING POSITION FOR THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE EMBASSY WISHES EXPAND ANSWERS CONTAINED LAGOS 4094. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS OF USIA 10153:

(1) THERE ARE NO PUBLISHED LIMITATIONS OR QUOTAS ON FOREIGN IPOT ENROLLMENT IN NIGER UNIVERSITIES. HOWEVER, AT LEAST WITH RESPECT TO AMERICAN CITIZENS, ENTRY VISAS ARE OBTAINABLE ONLY WITH GREAT DJWIIC AND FREUENTLY REQUIRE INTERCESSION AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. VISA APPLICATIONS BY AMERICAN STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS ARE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL SCRUTINY AND REQUIRE SPECIAL HIGH LEVEL SECURITY CLEARANCES. MANY APPLICATIONS ARE DENIED WITHOUT EXPLANATION. MANY MORE NEVER RECEIVE RESPONSE FROM NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND ARE ALOWED TO WITHER ON THE VINE. EVEN THOUGH ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED BY NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES, SUBSEQUENT SUPPORT OF ENTRY VISA APPLICATIONS BY UNIVERSITIES, WITHOUT WHICH APPLINS WILL NOT BE EAINED BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IS LUKEWARM AT BEST.

(2) FEES SAE.

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KEL A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BELIEVED TO BE AVAILABLE

TO FOREIGN STUDENTS FROM NAMIBIA AND OTHER AFRICAN TERRITORIES.
EMBASSY NOT PRIVY TO TERMS, NUMBERS OR DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS.
HOWEVER, NO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO AMERICAN STUDENTS NOR ARE
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS OR EXCHANGE TEACHING POSITIONS TO U.S.
CITIZENS WITH EXCEPTION OF FEW POSITIONS FUNDED BY U.S. AGENCIES
AND FOUNDATIONS.

(4) A FEW AMERICAN STUDENTS NO DOUBT PICK UP SOME ODD JOBS HERE
AND THERE, BUT QUESTION NOT HIGHLY RELEVANT SINCE CASUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREIGNERS, ESPECIALLY AMERICANS, ARE ALMOST
NON-EXISTANT AND IN ANY CASE WOULD NOT MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO
STUDENT'S BUDGET. AMERICAN SCHOLARS CANNOT HOPE TO STUDY IN
NIGERIA WITHOUT U.S. SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

(5) NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT REQUIRES ALL FOREIGN STUDENTS TO APPLY
FOR RESIDENCE PERMITS AT TIME VISA APPLICATION FILED. RESIDENCY
PERMITS ARE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY BY CHIEF FEDERAL MIGRATION
OFFICER AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE STANDARDS WHICH NOT
ALWAYS CLEAR TO APPLICANTS OR EMBASSY. RESIDENCY PERMIT ALONE DOES
NOT ENABLE HOLDER TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT, WHICH REQUIRES PRIOR
GRANTING OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER. ONE ANNOUNCED
CRITERION FOR ISSUANCE OF EXPATRIATE QUOTA IS THAT POSITION BE ONE
FOR WHICH QUALIFIED NIGERIANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. TO EMBASSY'S
KNOWLEDGE, NO AMERICAN STUDENTS IN NIGERIA ARE EMPLOYED ON A
REMUNERATED BASIS EITHER PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME. CERTAINLY NONE HAVE
GOVERNMENT-SANCTIONED EMPLOYMENT.

2. FOR VARIETY OF REASONS EMBASSY WOULD NOT URGE THAT U.S. APPLY
STRICT RULE OF RECIPROCITY IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS UPON WHICH
FOREIGN STUDENTS ADMITTED TO UNITED STATES, PERMITTED TO ACCEPT
EMPLOYMENT OR OFFERED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. WITH RESPECT
TO NIGERIAN STUDENTS, SUCH DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN CONTEXT
OF OVERALL U.S. INTERESTS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY IMAGINARY RECIPRO-
CAL
BENEFITS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS BY NIGERIA. SUCH BENEFITS DO
NOT EXIST.

3. FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISORS SHOULD BE URGED TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY
PURPOSES AND GOALS OF PRIVATE NIGERIAN STUDENTS IN U.S. WHO REQUEST
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SCHOLARSHIPS; FELLOWSHIPS; EMPLOYMENT
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PERMITS; EXTENSIONS OF STAY; AND VISAS FOR WIVES, CHILDREN AND OTHER
FAMILY MEMBERS. FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISORS WOULD DO WELL TO ACQUAINT

THEMSELVES WITH NIGERIAN ENVIRONMENT TO ENABLE THEM TO JUDGE WHETHER
A PARTICULAR STUDENT IS IN FACT MOTIVATED SOLELY BY AMBITION TO
ATTAIN NATIONAL GOAL AND TO RETURN TO USE POSITION IN NIGERIAN
SOCIETY OR WHETHER STUDENT SIMPLY SEEKS TO PROLONG STAY IN U.S. FOR
EDUCATIONALLY UNRELATED PURPOSES, FOREMOST AMONG WHICH ARE U.S.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WHICH GREATLY EXCEED EARNING OPPORTUNITIES
IN NIGERIA.

4 DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY MIGHT WISH TO STRESS NIGERANS GREAT
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS WHICH OFFER EXCELLENT ENROLLMENT PROSPECTS FOR
FIRST CLASS AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ACADEMIC AND
VOCATIONAL AREAS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT U.S. EDUCATORS SHOULD BEND
THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVISING AND MARKETING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE
RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF DEVELOPING NIGERIAN ECONOMY. HEAD OF STATE
IN RECENT BUDGET MESSAGE ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO EXPAND FINANCIAL
OUTLAYS FOR EDUCATING NIGERIANS ABROAD AND THIS MAY BE TIME TO
SELL AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS TO NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. NIGERIA HAS
INITIAL MEANS TO PROVIDE OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ITS IENS
AND NIGERIANPN VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES IN ALL FIELDS IN U.S.
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